

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed April 30, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-5 and 7-15 have been allowed and Claims 6 and 16 have been rejected. Within the present reply, Applicant has amended Claims 6 and 16 under 37 CFR 1.116. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to Specification

Within the reply dated April 14, 2008, Applicants made amendments to paragraphs on Page 4, Lines 23-25 and Page 6, Lines 22-26 to relieve minor typographical inconsistencies. Applicants hereby rescind the previous amendments to the specification in the reply dated April 14, 2008 and request withdrawal of the objections and/or rejections.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, First and Second Paragraph Rejections

Claims 6, and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was allegedly not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

For the record, Applicants had cancelled Claims 17-19 in the prior response file April 14, 2008. Therefore, no rejection should be presented as to Claims 17-19 and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Regarding Claim 6, the Applicants have amended Claim 6 and deleted the term “a High-K material” to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

Accordingly, the rejection to Claim 6 is now moot and allowance of Claim 6 is respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 16, the Applicants have amended Claim 16 to remove the term “Si₃N₄” to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

Accordingly, the rejection to Claim 16 is now moot and allowance of Claim 16 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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